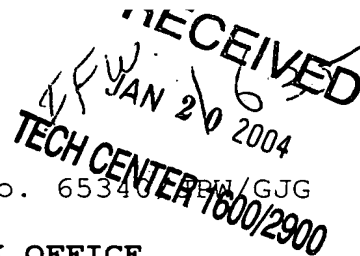




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This Amendment is submitted in response to a Office Action issued November 17, 2003 by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the November 17, 2003 Office Action is due January 17, 2004 and this Amendment is being timely filed.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows: